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U.S. Attorney Announces Resignation

Springfield, IL – Jan Paul Miller, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced today that he is resigning his position, effective November 30, 2005, to join a private law firm in St. Louis. Mr. Miller has served as the United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois since January 2002.

During his tenure as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Miller established the prosecution of white collar crimes as a priority. He oversaw the first conviction in the nation for kickbacks relating to government contracts issued to support the war effort in Iraq, and two additional defendants in a similar case are pending trial. Under Mr. Miller's leadership, his office has successfully prosecuted numerous cases in the areas of mortgage fraud, investment fraud, bankruptcy fraud, and fraud targeting the elderly. His office also successfully prosecuted individuals for using their official positions to defraud state and local agencies, including a Quad-City woman convicted of using her position to steal three-quarters of a million dollars from a municipal agency.

U.S. Attorney Miller has also overseen the creation and expansion of the Central Illinois Cybercrime Unit to investigate on-line fraud and child exploitation. The unit has successfully prosecuted dozens of child pornographers and child molesters, and assisted local law enforcement agencies in recovering four missing children.

In the civil arena, Mr. Miller's office has recovered millions of dollars in reimbursement and penalties owed the government by various hospitals for overcharging the Medicare and Medicaid programs; worked with state and local agencies to make public buildings accessible to the physically impaired as required by law; and, reached a first-of-its-kind environmental settlement in Illinois to ensure that a local municipality takes the steps necessary to protect the Mississippi River from dangerous pollutants.

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Under his direction, Mr. Miller's office has strengthened partnerships of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target violent offenders through the Project Safe Neighborhoods program and to combat methamphetamine trafficking in areas of the district most affected by the blight of methamphetamine use. In Tazewell County, for example, law enforcement agencies credit this coordinated approach for the near total eradication of operating meth labs.

In announcing his resignation, U.S. Attorney Miller said, "It has been my honor to serve the citizens of central Illinois and my privilege to work with the outstanding men and women of the U.S. Attorney's Office, whose professionalism and dedication are exemplary. From the moment we moved here, my family and I have been made to feel welcome, and for that we will always be thankful."

Prior to his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Miller had served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland since April 1989.

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